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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Sean Kayes	2841

**– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –**

### **Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2004.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                            2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
7)  Claim(s) 1-6 is/are objected to.  
8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 11 March 2004 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_ .  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Ex Party Quayle***

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

***Specification***

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
3. On page 1 line 10 "for controlling to operate to rotate and stop" is improper English. It is unclear what applicant is trying to state with this line. Note: This error is repeated several times in the course of the specification.
4. On page 11 lines 7-8, line 7 starts a sentence, but never ends it. A new sentence is started on line 9. Lines 7-8 have neither punctuation nor a verb.

Appropriate correction is required.

5. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

***Claim Objections***

6. Claims 1-6 are objected to because of the following informalities:

7. The claims are replete with grammatical errors. The following specific errors are noted.
8. In claim 1 lines 1-2 "A chronograph timepiece characterized in a chronograph time piece" restates the same thing twice. The language "characterized in a chronograph timepiece" is unnecessary.
9. In claim 1 lines 4-5 the phrase "constituting a base plate of a movement" is incomprehensible.
10. In claim 1 line 5 the phrase "wheel rotated based" is improper English.
11. In claim 1 lines 21-22 "for controlling to operate to rotate and stop" is improper English. This error is repeated again on page 2 of claim 1, line 1.
12. In claim 1 line 6 "portion)" the parenthesis ")" is out of place. There is no corresponding "(" anywhere in claim 1.
13. In claim 1 lines 6-7 "for making a minute chronograph wheel clutch ring "ON/OFF" is improper English. It is unclear what applicant is trying to claim.
14. On line 2 of claim 4 "is started to measure" is improper English.
15. On line 2 of claim 5 "is started to measure" is improper English.

Appropriate correction is required.

16. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose or suggest the claimed "coupling lever with both an hour contact portion and a minute contact portion" in combination with the remaining claim elements as set forth in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

17. Shibuya (US 6428201) is cited because it shows a coupling lever that engages only one contact point.

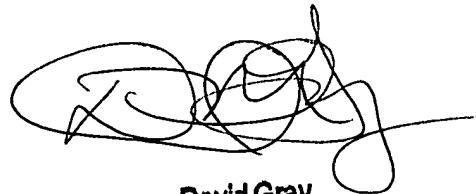
A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean Kayes whose telephone number is (571) 272-8931. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Gray can be reached on (571)272-2119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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1/20/2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DG".

David Gray  
Primary Examiner